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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Deputy Director for Plans
Deputy Director for Support
Director of National Estimates
Director/OPPB

SUBJECT : A National Intelligence Operations
Center

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1. All of you have had a chance to comment on proposals for establishment of a National Intelligence Operations Center (NIOC) put forward by the Director of Current Intelligence. Most of your comments have been favorable, and it now seems appropriate for an Agency position to be developed on the problems of setting up such a Center. A number of developments make this a matter of some urgency.

2. I am therefore establishing an ad hoc committee to develop a detailed proposal, to assess the resources necessary to carry it out, and to recommend a scenario for bringing the Center into being within the national security structure.

3. Mr. Paul V. Walsh, Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence, will chair this committee. Each addressee is asked to designate a senior officer to represent him and to provide such information and staff assistance as may be required. Please notify Mr. Walsh who your representative will be.

4. The first meeting of this committee will be at 1100 on Monday, 18 December, in the DDI Conference Room.

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